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THREONINE USING BACTERIUM
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Sir:

Prior to taking up this new patent application for action on the merits, please
amend the application as follows.

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